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Applicant(s): Cholody et al
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Title: DERIVATIVES OF 3-HYDROXY-PYRROLE-2,4-DICARBOXYLIC
ACID AND USES THEREOF
Docket No: 689290-120

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Commissioner for Patents
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ELECTION OF INVENTION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action, dated 19 January 2005, Applicants respond by electing the invention of Group II (claims 1-19, 40) with traverse. Applicants believe that the restriction made by the Examiner regarding the identity of substituents (used to differentiate Groups 1 to 5) is not sufficiently grounded on chemical or pharmaceutical properties each of the substituents for Formula 1 to warrant such distinction.

In addition, for search purposes, Applicants elect the species of compound 123, described on page 67 of the application as filed.

Further, prior to examination Applicants request that the application be amended as follows: